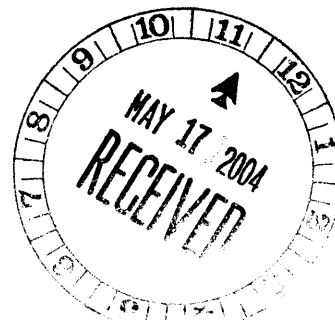


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CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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May 7, 2004



Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Railroad Abandonment from Langdon ND to Hannah ND
copy of notice enclosed.

Greetings

Kindly send a copy of the EA to us.

Yours truly

Cavalier Rural Electric Coop., Inc.


Duane L. Otto, Manager

Notice — Cavalier County Republican — Monday, May 3, 2004

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company gives notice that on or after May 3, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, an abandonment notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of or discontinuance of service of 20.93 miles of railroad line between railroad M.P. 74.07 in Langdon, Cavalier County, North Dakota to M.P. 95.00 in Hannah, Cavalier County, North Dakota, which line segment traverses through United States Postal Zip Codes 58249, 58281 and 58239. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-6 (Sub No. 415X). Section of Environmental Analyses (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available

25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or by calling that office at 202-565-1538.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of

financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington DC 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Services at 202-565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Michael Smith, Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6677 – telephone (312) 360-6724.

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